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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

A listing of the claims presented in this patent application appears below. This listing replaces all prior versions and listing of claims in this patent application.

Claim 1 (currently amended): An image extracting apparatus comprising:

an image database containing a plurality of images of one or more subjects;

a specifying device for specifying [[a]] an orientation of the subject for searching an image including the subject in the specified orientation;

a determining device for determining [[a]] the orientation of the subject in the images contained in the image database;

a searching device for searching [[an]] the image including the subject in the specified orientation based on a result of the determining [[a]] the orientation of the determining device, and

a display device for displaying the search result of the searching device.

Claim 2 - 5 (canceled).

Claim 6 (currently amended): [[An]] The image extracting apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the ~~subjects~~ subject is a person's face.

Claims 7 - 13 (canceled).

Claim 14 (currently presented): [[An]] The image extracting apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the specified orientation is a frontal face orientation.

Claim 15 (currently amended): [[An]] The image extracting apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the specifying device further specifies a number of the subject in the specified

orientation, and the searching device for searching [[an]] the image in which the number of the subject in the specified orientation is equal to or larger than the specified number.

Claim 16 (currently amended): An image extracting method comprising the steps of:

specifying [[a]] an orientation of a subject for searching an image including the subject in the specified orientation;

determining [[an]] the orientation of the subject in the images image contained in [[an]] the image database containing a plurality of images of one or more subjects;

searching an image including the subject in the specified orientation based on a result of the determining [[an]] the orientation; and

displaying the search result of the searching.

Claim 17 (previously presented): [[An]] The image extracting method according to claim 16, wherein the subjects subject is a person's face.

Claim 18 (previously presented): [[An]] The image extracting method according to claim 17, wherein the specified orientation is a frontal face orientation.

Claim 19 (previously presented): [[An]] The image extracting method according to claim 17, further comprising the steps of:

specifying a number of the subject in the specified orientation, and

searching [[an]] the image in which the number of the subject in the specified orientation is equal to or larger than the specified number.